Town Council Meeting
August 4, 2025

The Town Council for the Town of Chrisney met for a regular meeting on August 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Chrisney Town Hall. All members were present.

Planning and Zoning Update

- Motion made by Greg seconded by Mason to pass Ordinance #2025-5 an Ordinance Revising Labor Rates for the Town of Chrisney. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Greg seconded by Mason to pass Ordinance #2025-6 an Ordinance Revising Weed and Rank Vegetation Removal. Motion carried.
- Chris stated that the contractor for NSCSC will contact John regarding permits needed for demolition for the house at 54 E. North Street.
- John stated he will get with property owner who is in violation at 29 E. High Street.

Wastewater Project

- John stated that smoke testing and manhole inspections were scheduled for this week and he hopes that the town could use some of the remaining State Revolving Fund monies to cap off the project with some other improvements to locate and fix points of ground water intrusion in the future. The town's wish list includes a camera system to better inspect sewer lines, as well as repairs to eliminate inflow and infiltration into the system. John stated that new manhole insert covers could provide a better seal and should reduce intrusion from standing water during heavy rains. He will work with Drew to submit projects to SRF for approval.

Community Crossings Grant

- John stated that they are still waiting for J.H. Rudolph & Co., Inc. to start the paving project and the additional work.

MVH Additional Appropriation

- Kim stated that a Notice to Taxpayers for the MVH Additional Appropriation in the amount of $17,000 was advertised in the paper on July 30th. Kim will provide Ordinance #2025-7 an Ordinance for Appropriation and Tax Rates at the September 8th meeting. The ordinance can be introduced and adopted on that day.

Apprenticeship Program

- Council set a deadline of August 15th to submit applications for the Full-Time Maintenance Operator of Utilities and Grounds position.

2026 Budget

- Kim stated that she will attend a Budget Workshop with DLGF on August 8th. She stated the public hearing is set for September 8th and the budget adoption is set for October 6th.

Utility Update

- John stated that they did not have any utility updates.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

- Council considered a list of projects for which to seek grant funding. The list will be finalized on September 8th and presented to Indiana 15 Regional Plan Commission by September 12th.

Gas Rate Study

- Kim stated that the gas department is currently borrowing from other utilities to help with the increased cost and demand of the gas department. She stated that the last gas rate ordinance was passed in 2013 and would like to recommend that we hire Pat Callahan, our Gas Rate Consultant to conduct a Gas Rate Study. Kim stated that we generally buy our natural gas in the summer, when prices are lower, and store it to sell in the winter. This approach has helped keep the gas rates lower for our customers during the winter months but the gas tracker (conducted every 3 months) only tracks the cost of transportation and the purchase of natural gas, not any other needs for the gas department (salary/benefits, repairs and maintenance, materials, supplies, insurance, etc.). John stated that a number of gas projects and repairs has put a financial strain on the gas fund over the years. Motion made by Greg seconded by Mason to hire Pat Callahan to conduct a gas rate study. Motion carried.

Other Business

- Kim stated that she and Jamie will attend the State Board of Accounts School on August 12th and 13th.
- Dee Hill was present to discuss drainage concerns on or near her property. Council discussed improvements in that area.

Upcoming Events

- Chrisney Fall Fest-September 18, 19, 20

Council gave approval for the following reports:

- June 2025 Fund Report
- June 2025 Bank Statements
- June 2025 Revenue Detail Report
- A/P Registry Summary Report
- June 2025 Payroll Hours Report detail and check register

The next board meeting was changed to September 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.